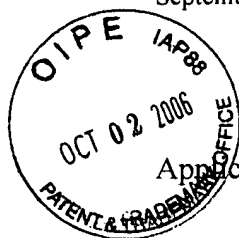


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The claims fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	24	MINUS	* 21	3
INDEP	2	MINUS	** 3	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			

* not fewer than 20

** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$ 25	\$
X \$100	\$
+ \$180	\$

TOTAL= \$ 0

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDIT. FEE
X \$50	\$ 150
X \$200	\$ 0
+ \$360	\$ 0

TOTAL= \$ 150

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SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$125	\$[]

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Total Amount Owed
X \$250	\$ 0

Payment
Sufficient for
up to

[] Sheets

Petition for Extension of Time

- [X] Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time to respond to the Office Action dated May 1, 2006 for 2 months from August 1, 2006 to October 1, 2006. The appropriate fee is set forth below.

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